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MORE COURSES IN ENGINEERING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more courses are proposed to be started in engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made for ensuring excellence, quality in the Engineering Colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) does invite proposals for introduction of new courses every year. However, starting new courses depends on requests received from institutes.

(c) : For overall improvement in the quality of technical education, AICTE operates various schemes, such asModernization and Removal of Obsolescence; Thrust Areas Programmes in Technical Education; Research and Development Programme; Entrepreneurship Management Development; Quality Improvement Programme, Early Faculty Induction Programme; Career Awards for young teachers; Emeritus Fellowships, etc. In order to assess the qualitative competence of technical institutions, the National Board of Accreditation is functioning under the aegis of AICTE. With a view to providing necessary direction to the technical education system in the country towards promotion of Postgraduate Education and Research in Engineering and Technology, in December 2001, the Ministry has announced a Policy Framework which provides for increasing the duration of M. Tech. Programmes from 18 to 24 months; raising the scholarship amount, etc.